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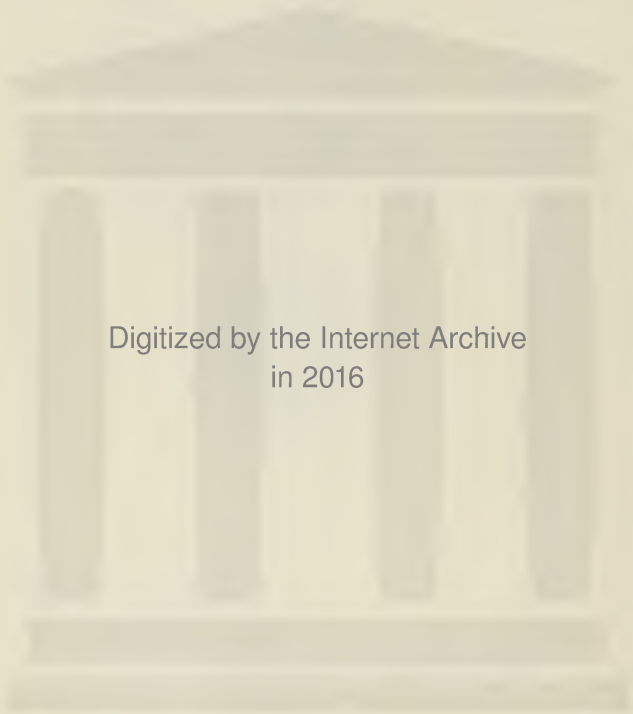
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Biography

SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND was born near Gloucester, Gloucester County, Va., May 4, 1872; attended private schools, Gloucester (Va.) Academy, and William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.; taught school in Accomac and Northampton Counties for several years; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1900 and commenced practice in Newport News, Va.; served at different periods as president of the Newport News Chamber of Commerce; vice president of the Virginia State Bar Association and president of the Newport News Bar Association; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-fifth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William A. Jones; reelected to the Sixty-sixth and to the fifteen succeeding Congresses and served from July 2, 1918, until his death at the naval hospital, Bethesda, Md., February 16, 1950; interment in Greenlawn Cemetery, Newport News, Va.

In the House of Representatives

TUESDAY, *March 28, 1950.*

Mr. REGAN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 521) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, the 17th day of May 1950, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand in recess for the purpose of holding memorial services as arranged by the Committee on House Administration under the provisions of clause (1) (j) (2) (C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on the life, character, and public service of deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Speaker shall call the House to order and then as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services
in the
House of Representatives

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Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11:30 to 12)
United States Air Force Symphony Orchestra

Presiding officer.....The Speaker, Hon. Sam Rayburn

Invocation.....The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.

A cappella Emmette Spiritum (Schuetky), Lord's Prayer (Malott)
USAF Band Glee Club

Scripture reading and prayer.....The Chaplain

Roll of deceased Members.The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Devotional silence.

Address.....Hon. Brooks Hays
Representative from the State of Arkansas

Solo: Bless This House (Brahe), Recessional (De Koven)
Master Sgt. Glenn Darwin, USAF

Address.....Hon. John Davis Lodge
Representative from the State of Connecticut

Taps.....Master Sgt. Arthur Will

Echo.....Staff Sgt. Carl Costenbader

Benediction .....The Chaplain

Schuyler Otis Bland

Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, *May 17, 1950.*

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives (Mr. Rayburn) presided.

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.:

Almighty God, in the life of each of us there are times when all our feelings seem to impose silence.

Grant that in this hour of sacred memory we may enter into a blessed communion with Thy Spirit, and the spirit of all upon whom Thou hast bestowed the glorious benediction, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Hear us for the sake of the Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

The United States Air Force Band Glee Club sang a cappella Emmette Spiritum (Schuetky) and Lord's Prayer (Malott).

The CHAPLAIN. The Scripture readings are taken from the Old and New Testaments.

Psalm 85:

I will hear what God the Lord will say, for He will speak peace unto His people and to His saints.

Psalm 90:

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Then from the New Testament these gracious words which were spoken by our blessed Lord:

John 14:

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am there ye may be also.

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

In St. Paul's great chapter on the resurrection, the fifteenth of First Corinthians, we find these words:

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

May God add His blessing to these readings from His holy word.

The closing verses from the poem entitled "Victory," by Alfred Noyes:

"There's but one gift that all our dead desire,
One gift that men can give, and that's a dream,
Unless we, too, can burn with that same fire
Of sacrifice: die to the things that seem;
"Die to the little hatreds; die to greed;
Die to the old ignoble selves we knew;
Die to the base contempts of sect and creed,
And rise again, like these, with souls as true.
"Nay (since these died before their task was finished)
Attempt new heights, bring even their dreams to birth—
Build us that better world, Oh, not diminished
By one true splendor that they planned on earth.
"And that's not done by sword, or tongue, or pen,
There's but one way. God make us better men."

Let us pray.

Most merciful and gracious God, the God of our fathers and of their succeeding generations, through Thy holy word Thou has spoken and in our hearts Thy voice is heard.

Thou art the author and disposer of human life, from whom our spirits have come and unto whom they return.

We thank Thee for Thy servants who walked and worked with us for a little while upon this earth and who now are with Thee in heavenly blessedness, having received, as the reward of their faith and their fidelity, the salvation of their souls.

We rejoice that whatever was noble and beautiful in their life, in Thy sight and in our sight, abides forever. We bless Thee for the glorious testimony that they sought to serve their generation according to Thy holy will and were numbered among those who do justly, who love mercy, and who walk humbly with the Lord. We have not said "farewell" but only "good night," hoping on some blessed morn to

meet and dwell with them in hallowed union in that land whose language is music and where joys are unceasing.

Grant unto the sorrowing and the lonely the consolation of Thy grace. May they yield themselves without murmur or complaint to the dispensations of Thy providence for Thou dost give and Thou dost take away, and blessed is Thy name forevermore. Help them to lay hold of the peace and the eternal companionship of the Christ.

We pray that Thou will continue to bless our Nation. We are not asking Thee to deal with us in any preferential manner. May we be a people whose God is the Lord.

May we be loyal partners with all who are laboring to build the kingdom of justice and righteousness, the social order in which there shall be peace and good will among men. Enable us to carry on in faith, in faithfulness, and in the fear of the Lord as we daily meet the problems and tasks which challenge the consecration of our noblest manhood and womanhood.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. Alney E. Chaffee, reading clerk of the House of Representatives, read the following roll:

BERT HENRY MILLER, a Senator from the State of Idaho: Born December 15, 1879; lawyer; graduate Brigham Young University 1901 and Cumberland University Law School; prosecuting attorney of Fremont County, Idaho, 1912–14; elected attorney general of Idaho 1934, reelected 1936; regional attorney, Fair Labor Standards Act, Seattle, Wash., region; elected justice of Idaho Supreme Court 1944; elected to the United States Senate 1948; died October 8, 1949.

CLYDE MARTIN REED, a Senator from the State of Kansas: Born October 19, 1871; teacher, mail clerk, editor and publisher; secretary to the Governor of Kansas in 1919; appointed member Kansas Court of Industrial Relations 1920; chairman of the Kansas Public Utilities Commission 1921–24; Governor of Kansas 1929–31; elected to the United States Senate 1938, reelected 1944; died November 8, 1949.

RICHARD JOSEPH WELCH, Fifth Congressional District of California: Born February 13, 1869; machinist; State senator 1901–13; harbor master, port of San Francisco, 1903–07; supervisor city and county of San Francisco, 1916–26; member of the Seventieth to the Eighty-first Congresses, inclusive (12 successive Congresses); died September 10, 1949.

GEORGE JOSEPH BATES, Sixth Congressional District of Massachusetts: Born February 25, 1891; member State house of representatives, 1918–24; mayor of Salem, 1924–37; Member of the Seventy-fifth and six succeeding Congresses; died November 1, 1949.

MARTIN GORSKI, Fifth Congressional District of Illinois: Born October 30, 1886; lawyer; graduate Chicago Law School, 1917; assistant State's attorney, Cook County, 1918–20; master in chancery, superior court, Cook County, 1929–42; Member of the Seventy-eighth to the Eighty-first Congresses, inclusive; died December 4, 1949.

SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, First Congressional District of Virginia: Born May 4, 1872; teacher; lawyer; attended Gloucester Academy and William and Mary College; president of the Chamber of Commerce of Newport News, and vice president, Virginia State Bar Association; Member of the Sixty-fifth to the Eighty-first Congresses, inclusive (17 consecutive Congresses); died February 16, 1950.

RALPH EDWIN CHURCH, Thirteenth Congressional District of Illinois: Born May 5, 1883; lawyer; graduate University of Michigan, 1907, and Northwestern University, 1909; member State house of representatives, 1916–32; lieutenant commander, United States Naval Reserve, 1938–41; delegate, Interparliamentary Conference, Oslo, Norway, 1939; Member, Seventy-fourth to the Seventy-sixth and Seventy-eighth to the Eighty-first Congresses; died March 21, 1950.

Mrs. NORTON, a Representative from the State of New Jersey, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum, placed a memorial rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

There followed a period of devotional silence, during which the Members stood.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Hays].

Hon. BROOKS HAYS, a Representative from the State of Arkansas, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. BROOKS HAYS

Mr. HAYS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker this is one of the occasions when it is appropriate to speak of the unity the House of Representatives cherishes. We wish to accentuate our common creed, to contemplate the common experience of death and our common faith which triumphs over it.

The story of a man's life is never told in the offices he holds, or the honors he receives. It is only inadequately related in the things he does. It is only as we come in close contact with our fellow men and by the kind of intimate associations treasured here, learn to know what a man believes, that we really come to understand and appreciate him. By these associations we learned something of the loyalties and convictions of our departed colleagues and today we make a record of our appraisal of their indefinable qualities of soul which found expression here. Now we assume the rather difficult role of honoring them, difficult because we touch a very tender theme and a delicate one, but it is altogether proper for us to rejoice in honoring them.

I think one would have to endure some of the hard tests of service here to understand the depth of our affection and admiration for them. If one sees only the surface, he might mistake our disputes for distrust. One would have to know something of these experiences that exhibit a sharp clash of opinion to understand that underneath are abiding friendships and mutual confidence.

It was not my privilege to know either of the Senators, either Senator REED or Senator MILLER, but as I read the eulogies that were paid to them I could understand some-

thing of the sense of grief that pervaded the ranks of the Senate when they passed on.

I read of Senator REED, of Kansas, for example, that he was "a great legislator, a great pioneer, a great American." And then there was an interesting line, "the most colorful warrior that his State had produced in the battle of his day."

I read of Senator MILLER, of Idaho, that "his life was a shining example of unselfish service to his fellow man," and that "he was a noble person."

I was in the Chamber of the House on most of the occasions when the passing of our five Members was announced. Their closest friends stood and rendered honest tribute. I have reflected upon those things that were said of them. I was impressed, too, by the characterizations that were used with reference to all of them. That is, each of them was "fearless, honest, able, persevering, conscientious, generous, strong, and kind."

Then there are the special observations about each life and career. Some of the finest eulogies put into the Record are from those who had not been associated with them here, but were evidently based upon a close study of their public service. There was that interesting comment of Archbishop Cushing, of Boston, for example, upon the life of GEORGE J. BATES, of Massachusetts, "More men knew the merits of the man than knew the man himself." Since each of the Members represented close to a third of a million people and were known outside their districts in many areas for distinguished public service, it might well have been said of them all.

It was said of GEORGE BATES in addition, "He was a man of expansive human sympathy; completely devoted to the public welfare; truly a great American."

Of RICHARD J. WELCH, of California—and these were the words of the majority leader, Mr. McCormack, who sat on the opposite side of the aisle, that "he was an ideal gentleman, a perfect legislator."

Of MARTIN GORSKI, of Illinois, that he was "a man of high principles, an unassuming friend, an effective public servant."

Of SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, of Virginia, that he was "modest, scholarly, and tolerant," and the words of the Speaker of the House, Mr. Rayburn, "he was one of the greatest souls that it has ever been my privilege to know."

Of my friend RALPH CHURCH: "Earnest, sincere; he built his career upon conviction"; and that in his service of community, State, and Nation, "he conformed to the standards of a Christian." These short biographies tell us a lot about the men of whom they were spoken. They relate to what each believed and what each did in consonance with that belief. These testimonies reflected the life of faith, and as Thomas Carlyle said, "A man's faith, or his lack of it, is the most considerable part of him."

So, Mr. Speaker, here we have exemplified the elements of faith. These men all believed in something, and it bears out the point that I think I made in the beginning, they had convictions. It is always difficult to speak of religion without being obstrusive or being misunderstood, yet I think the people of the Nation would like to know that their Representatives find time in which to do it appropriately, and they would certainly wish us to honor these men in their faith and religious ideals.

The total service of the seven was slightly in excess of a hundred years, their legislative achievements were enormous. As long as the Republic shall stand, perhaps, the impact of their minds will be felt in our legislative policy. Yet, Mr. Speaker, a man does not live in his craftsmanship. I do not disparage it, but a legislative monument is insecure and impermanent, for laws are changed, and the policies that we all help devise, so valuable at the hour, will be altered.

Neither can a man live in the sustained recognition of his family. As a parent and grandparent, I have that normal pride in my own family. I would like to think that 400 years

from now my name will be perpetuated, but I am impressed by this thought, if four centuries later someone should bear my name, 2,047 other people—and this is an unalterable biologic principle—would have contributed as much to his heritage as I.

No, even though this is a noble impulse and worthy, a man cannot live by pride of family alone, any more than he can live in legislative glory.

Neither can a man live in the physical things that he helps to create. Every one of us in our travels over the country is impressed with the fact that communities constantly seek to honor their Representatives in the Congress.

I was in Syracuse the other day, and I saw the very handsome memorial to our friend, Clarence Hancock. I think that is typical.

A man cannot live in the bridges and buildings or dams or airports or highways that he helps to build. RICHARD WELCH, for example, is identified with the Golden Gate Bridge. But considering the ephemeral nature of life itself, some day that great structure may be destroyed. Its superstructure may lie beneath the restless waters of the sea because a more ingenious people will replace it with something that better fits their times.

A man must live in something else. He may surely live in attachment to immortal principles. What I would like to say out of the depth of my great appreciation for these men is that by attaching themselves to things that are infinite and eternal they knew one phase of immortality. The older I grow the more convinced I am of the necessity for interpreting, for example, the ideal of justice. It is not abstract at all. It has reality for all men eventually in some human experience. This delicate and important instrument which the people commit to us their lawmakers is to be used with that sense of its serving an infinite force, an undying influence in life—the attainment of justice.

We are only partly right, though it represents a great American ideal, when we say that ours is a Government of laws and not of men. For that ideal itself would fail unless it be a government of laws, good laws, administered by righteous men. Something like this was perhaps in the mind of Cicero, when he said:

> True law is right reason, consonant with nature, everlasting and unchanging. It does not differ for Rome or for Athens, but one law shall be for all times and all people. We cannot repeal that law; we cannot be relieved by any legislature of the obligations which it imposes, and we do not need to look outside ourselves for the true expounder of it.

Another pillar in the structure of faith is one's belief about man himself. When the prophet spoke of man as of "few days and full of trouble, like a flower he is cut down," he was speaking gloomily of death, which is only one aspect of life, and one has but to turn a few pages to come upon an equally authentic view, that of the psalmist who said, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him? Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and hast crowned him with glory and honor," and then a thought that has thrilling implications for the philosophy of free government, "Thou madest him to have dominion." This high opinion of man's capacity for self-government is the basis of our institutions in the West. It finds expression in the Declaration of Independence whose author believed in the spiritual origin of our rights and liberties. Here are the moral bonds that unite us. "We hold these truths," said Jefferson—and "we" means all—not the Jeffersonians but the Hamiltonians as well, not the Virginians but the New Englanders and all colonists as well. We, the people of a free land, have built upon the foundations of faith.

Here, Mr. Speaker, is an American doctrine worthy of perpetuation. It follows that if we think sound thoughts about man, viewing him as God's creation, we will think soundly about his human society. The good life is devoted to putting

moral content into political institutions. It is the one thing that the forces of materialism cannot conquer. The blandishments of those who think only in terms of power will be unavailing against a good man. This was the thought of Ernest Hocking when he said:

> It is only a religious faith reaching the ultimate solitudes of the soul, for which our pleasing amiabilities are but husks, that can create the unpurchasable man, and it is only man, unpurchasable by any society, that can create the sound society.

For fullest consolation in the loss of these friends we reach out eagerly for the hope that is found in the writings of great men of the past. For what men think of death is also distinguishing. They have told us in ways that vary with the moods in which they wrote what they believed death to be like, and they have helped us. For whatever our fears, we, too, believe it is but an interlude, a temporary separation. We like to think of it as the gateway to a larger life. It is, as the poet said, "but the velvet footstep of the Father himself. His voice so low and His step so soft, that we cannot see or hear Him."

When death comes to a colleague and grief spreads through our ranks, we feel as Douglas Malloch did when his friend, Emerson Hough, passed away—

> To all eternity he binds us.
> He links the planet and the star,
> He rides ahead, the trail he finds us,
> And where he is and where we are will never seem again so far.

It is difficult, Mr. Speaker, to find something new to say. It is hardly worth the struggle. We can draw upon these great resources of the past, and without apology I offer them today. Even the great Robert Ingersoll, almost afraid to grasp the hope of a reunion with his loved ones and so intellectually honest that he never avowed a strong faith, voiced a beautiful aspiration when he said, "in the night of death, hope sees a star and listening love can hear the rustle of an angel's wing."

I hope, therefore, Mr. Speaker, in the songs that are sung and the things that are said, and in the rich thought of mighty minds repeated we may renew our belief that God has planned a greater destiny for us.

The gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Smith] said, when Judge BLAND went away, that he believed the arduous duties of the war had shortened his life. I am not sure but that that is not rather typical and that it is fair to say, without exalting ourselves nor stressing the importance of our position, that the hazards of legislative service are indeed great. I am sure of this—that since we live in one of the most difficult periods of human history, I dare say that other dangers are ahead.

Therefore, in closing let me repeat the lines that a British sergeant wrote in the midst of his peril during the Second World War:

Almighty and All Present Power,
Brief is the prayer I make of Thee.
I do not ask, in battle hour,
For any shield to cover me.

The vast unalterable way,
From which the stars do not depart,
May not be turned aside to stay
The bullet flying toward my heart.

I ask no power to strike the foe,
I seek no petty victory here.
The enemy I hate, I know
To God is also dear.

But this I ask; be at my side
When death is flying through the sky.
Almighty God, who also died,
Teach me the way that I should die.

We thank God for these good men. It is the finest epitaph that could be written, and it has been said of each, "He was a good man."

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, it was not in the buildings they erected nor their legislative achievements, but in their beliefs,

their loyalties, their convictions, the hopes they raised, the fears they dispelled, and the sound beliefs which they strengthened, that they built their greatest monument.

Master Sgt. Glenn Darwin, United States Air Force, sang Bless This House, by Brahe; and Recessional, by De Koven.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. Lodge].

Hon. JOHN DAVIS LODGE, a Representative from the State of Connecticut, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN DAVIS LODGE

Mr. LODGE. Mr. Speaker, it is altogether fitting that we should pause amid the din and dust of our daily existence to pay our respects to those Members of Congress who have recently been gathered to their fathers. Since we assembled in this Chamber on a similar occasion a year ago two Senators and five Representatives have crossed the bar. We are met to commemorate their passing. We are convened to mourn their absence from these halls. But our meeting here has, it seems to me, a significance beyond the natural sadness which we feel at the irremediable departure of these friends. For just as theirs were lives of service so must we on this occasion resolve to continue in that service with resourcefulness, with imagination, and with courage. Only in that way can we justify their peacetime sacrifice and the wartime sacrifice of so many others.

I call the roll:

Senator BERT HENRY MILLER, Idaho.

Senator CLYDE MARTIN REED, Kansas.

Representative RICHARD JOSEPH WELCH, California.

Representative GEORGE JOSEPH BATES, Massachusetts.

Representative MARTIN GORSKI, Illinois.

Representative SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, Virginia.

Representative RALPH EDWIN CHURCH, Illinois.

These are the men whose lives and whose work we eulogize today. These colleagues of ours made an indelible imprint upon the legislative history of their time.

This moving occasion should, I am convinced, be one not merely of commemoration but rather of rededication to the timeless truths for which they worked and struggled and died. Ours is the torch and we must carry on. Our constructive action is the noblest monument which we can erect in their memory.

Joined with us here today are the friends and relatives of the men who in recent months have made the great discovery. We stretch out our hands to them in friendly remembrance. We open our hearts to them with understanding and with compassion.

This is an occasion of dignity and tenderness in which the memory of these upright and devoted public servants lingers like a perfume on a summer breeze. It is a time for poignant recollection.

This memorial service is an apt tribute. It is most appropriately a permanent part of the report of the activities of the Congress. It testifies to the lasting place which they will occupy in the minds and hearts of those who loved them and knew them. It is a confession of our regard for their accomplishments and of our respect for their memory.

As we meet many of us can recall with nostalgic vividness the idiosyncracies, the indefinable charms and gestures of each of these men. Their personalities return to us with touching clarity. We who serve in the Congress are bound together by a common experience irrespective of party. All of us have been through gruelling campaigns. We, their colleagues, know that in the Congress no one can dissemble for very long. A Member who gains influence and distinction does so because of his intrinsic worth. He does so by virtue of his character and ability. The vital opportunities for useful employment and effort which we regard as involving

the essential welfare of the American people exist in these halls in terms of service to mankind. And while we have violent differences of opinion and sometimes harsh words are spoken there is a basic sense of fellowship which suffuses all our doings and which in times of common stress and strain unite us in friendship.

We grieve. But we do not grieve for these men who now are a part of the mysterious immensities which circumscribe our lives. We grieve because we shall miss them. We shall miss these friendly associations. We shall miss their vigorous participation in the work of the Congress.

Yet, this is no time to strain with desperate longing against the chasm which seems insuperably to separate us from them. We, too, are a fateful part of the events which have carried them beyond our pale. We cannot stem the rush of the resistless hours. The days of our years are numbered. Some day we shall join them. We, the living, are a part of their infinity. Let us therefore not beat our breasts in helpless anguish but rather leave our spirits bare to feel the truth they cannot understand.

We are living in urgent times, times in which men search their hearts and minds for at least a few answers to the great and grievous problems with which we are beset. These are, indeed, times which try men's souls. The first half of the twentieth century has been critical, difficult, full of change. Man is passing through a great Gethsemane of moral readjustments to the machine which he has created. Those to whom we pay tribute today have gone from this worldly tempest of doubt and indecision into the soothing calmness and serenity of that long lagoon to which there is no ending. They have served their fellow man. Their day on earth is done. They have been tried and not found wanting. They have gone to their just reward. They live in the enduring quality of their achievements and in the fond recollections of those who knew and loved them. We remain.

Peace, peace! he is not dead, he doth not sleep—
He hath awakened from the dream of life—
'Tis we, who lost in stormy visions, keep
With phantoms and unprofitable strife,
And in mad trance, strike with our spirit's knife
Invulnerable nothings—we decay
Like corpses in a charnel; fear and grief
Convulse us and consume us day by day,
And cold hopes swarm like worms within our living clay.
He hath outsoared the shadow of our night;
Envy and calumny and hate and pain,
And that unrest which men miscall delight,
Can touch him not and torture not again;
From the contagion of the world's slow stain
He is secure.

In sober truth we are not secure save in our unassailable faith that liberty is an imperishable truth. Had Patrick Henry said "Give me security or give me death" we would not know his name today. Liberty. It is for this that we must persevere, that we must live our lives. It is for freedom that we must live and be prepared to die. We must reject the arid atheism with which sinister tyrants are attempting to undermine our institutions, to sabotage our freedom, to corrupt our youth, to dissipate our convictions and to deprive both life and death of their meaning. These godless doctrines point the way to dishonor and despair.

We who are destined to remain for a while in our earthly harness must take counsel of our faith rather than of our fears. In the words of Winston Churchill:

> We must be prepared for further efforts of mind and body and further sacrifices to great causes if we are not to fall back into the confusion of aim, the rut of inertia, and the craven fear of being great.

Each of us must do his allotted task in an effort to meet successfully the grim and somber challenge which is crowding down upon us from every corner of the globe. Then when we shall be called to join our dear departed colleagues it shall be said of us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Life's diverse inceptions, birth and death, are beyond the comprehension of man. Just as nature abhors a vacuum, so man abhors the word death. Our hearts grow numb as we contemplate the wide harmonic silences of death. There are no words because there is essentially no end. But there is faith. Faith in an indissoluble identity, faith in our own infinity. This meeting of commemoration and of rededication is also one of celebration. We meet to celebrate the soul. Those with whose spirits we commune today have met the dawn of an eternal sun. Our task here is to assure the soul's advance. Plato said "Time is the moving image of eternity." Eternity is now. The time of revelation is now. We are the trustees, the repositories of all the innumerable yesterdays of time. We are the harbingers of onward latent long millenniums. We can take heart from the sure knowledge that our opportunities for useful service, for dynamic leadership are equal to our grave responsibilities.

The challenge which faces us who have chosen public service as our mission is essentially the same challenge which has always faced the people's representatives. It is, in its basic elements, the challenge which faces the people of America. We bring that challenge into sharp focus. We must have vision for "where there is no vision the people perish."

This age-old challenge has been given a wonderful clarity and an exciting substance by the turbulent events of the last few decades. We know "deep down in that dumb region of the heart in which we dwell alone" that we cannot meet this challenge merely with procedural devices and man-made machinery. There must be the massive motive power of a moral force. Even the atom bomb will move to the measure of men's thoughts. We shall be hoist with our own delinquency if in this spiritual emergency we rely solely on our material prowess. The dialectical materialism of the brutal Communist dogma cannot be combated solely with plans and agreements, equipment and things. Our mate-

rial world will crash in splinters around us unless it has some lofty thoughts to hold it up.

Let us then rededicate ourselves to the sublime truths on which our great Nation was founded and forsake the base and mutable alloy which tempts us to seek refuge in vulgar expediencies, trivial pastimes, and ineffectual felicities. Let us be resolute and meet this onslaught of barbarism as our colleagues have met the challenge of the sunrise. Only in this way can we really escape "the tyranny of time, and brief content of all achievement and prosperity." Let us resolve "to illustrate in thought and word and deed, in life and death, the utmost that we are."

So shall this occasion serve to give us a true perspective of the battle in which we are inextricably engaged. So shall we get a clear and steady view of the one prize that is not counterfeit. So shall we transmit to our successors the soul's divine inheritance. So shall these solemn memorial exercises serve not only to punctuate with reverence and warm regard the end of these precious lives but especially to ignite in the living a vibrant determination that this trembling hour shall be the touchstone for future accomplishments and progressions. So shall we at long last achieve a peace based on freedom, virtue, and reason.

> Well may we know it lies before us still,
> Who are the Pilgrims, as it stretched for them
> Whose pilgrimage is done; the self-same road,
> Hazardous, hard, unknown, which leads afar,
> Thro' lusts and lies, thro' laws and governments,
> Thro' all substantial things and sensible forms.
> And well for us if we may find it out,
> And walk thereon our spiritual way
> Forward to real achievements and progressions—
> Pilgrims, as once they were, in high resolve
> Launched on the Pilgrimage that once was theirs.

Master Sgt. Arthur Will sounded taps, the echo being sounded by Staff Sgt. Carl Costenbader.

The Chaplain pronounced the following benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift upon you His countenance and give you peace.

Amen.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 521, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Chair declares the House adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 8 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 18, 1950, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Memorial Addresses
on
Schuyler Otis Bland

Memorial Addresses

Remarks by Representative Fugate

Of Virginia

Mr. FUGATE. Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of February 18 in Newport News, SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, who for almost 34 years was a Member of this body, was buried in a most beautiful service. His neighbors and friends came by the hundreds to pay their respect. Few men have had the love, reverence, and esteem by their constituency as did Judge BLAND. The huge floral gift was evidence of the people's adoration.

His passing brought deep bereavement to all Virginians. We express our love and affection for his wife, who is so uniformly kind and considerate, and who was so helpful to her husband.

The pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Paul K. Buckles, D. D., conducted the service. His eulogy was one of the best I ever heard. For the edification of this body and the people I ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the Congressional Record:

"Good actions ennoble us, and we are the sons of our deeds." One of long ago wrote these lines. How fittingly they apply to this great Christian statesman, humble child of God, and Christian gentleman.

His shining shield carried the truth where all might see. "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

He was a man among men, not a dreamer among the shadows. His life was a life of action and reality. He

worked in his own sphere, nor wished it other than that, and he found his greatest happiness and his highest good in the service he rendered to his fellow man, and in serving him he served his God.

The strength of a nation lies not in its armaments, aerial navies in the sky, or grim ships of battle in every ocean, but in the men it breeds. And the strength of a man is always measured by the strength of his faith in God.

Long ago One walked in Galilee, climbed the hill to Calvary, and stretched Himself cn a lonely cross, and He said, "He that would be greatest among you, let him serve. The greatest of all is the servant of all."

In self-forgetful service he wore his life away, a casualty on the field of action for the sake of his brother man. His influence was always on the right side of any great moral issue. The humblest man had a place in his heart and in his life. There was nothing selfish about him. He was selfless in all of his actions.

In the strength of God he followed the light of truth and with a courage that brooked no interference with his own strong convictions. He now takes his place among the great immortals who have made their country great.

A nation can ill afford to lose one of such sterling faith, such mighty character, who stood with the strength of the rock-ribbed hills of his native land in defense of the right, the champion of truth.

> God give us men. A time like this demands
> Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands.
> Men whom the lust of office does not kill,
> Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,
> Men who possess opinions and a will,
> Men who love honor, men who cannot lie.

At the end of life so lived in simple faith he could say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall

give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

And like the servant of old who lived in such close and intimate relationship with God that when traveling days were done, "He was not, for God took him."

One who never turned his back but marched forward,
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were worsted,
Wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake.

Remarks by Representative Stanley

Of Virginia

Mr. STANLEY. Mr. Speaker, the death of our beloved colleague, the Honorable SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, has brought sorrow and sadness to his many friends and admirers and removed from the House of Reresentatives one of its most able Members.

Mr. BLAND represented the First Congressional District of the Commonwealth of Virginia continuously from July 2, 1918, until February 16, 1950. He was loved and honored by the people of the Tidewater, Northern Neck, Lower Peninsula, and Eastern Shore sections of Virginia, which made up his district, comprising the Counties of Spotsylvania, Caroline, Essex, Middlesex, King and Queen, Mathews, Gloucester, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Richmond, Lancaster, York, Warwick, Elizabeth City, Northampton, and Accomac, and the cities of Fredericksburg, Hampton, and Newport News.

He was widely respected and greatly admired throughout the State of Virginia for his sterling qualities, meticulous adherence to duty, and outstanding record of public service. We recognized in him an authority on the maritime service, so important to our State and Nation. His legislative accomplishments in matters pertaining to commerce on the high seas will be a lasting monument to his ability and untiring efforts.

I am aware of the great privilege which has been mine to have known Mr. BLAND intimately and to have enjoyed his warm, sincere friendship. I acknowledge with gratitude and appreciation the many acts of kindness and consideration he so generously extended me.

No Representative in the Congress ever applied himself more diligently and conscientiously to the discharge of his

duties. His service to his district, State, and Nation has upheld the finest traditions of the House of Representatives and of the constituency which so wisely elected him from time to time as its Representative in the Congress of the United States.

To his beloved wife I extend my profound sympathy. Her sorrow is great but the memory of his noble Christian character, faithful devotion to duty, and long record of able public service is one upon which she can reflect with great pride and satisfaction.

We shall miss Mr. BLAND very much, and, although conscious of a great loss, we are proud of his outstanding contribution to the welfare and progress of our beloved country, and we rejoice in the steadfast belief that his reward is that of a faithful public servant and fine Christian gentleman who stood for the right and kept the faith.

Remarks by Representative Hart

Of New Jersey

Mr. HART. Mr. Speaker, as part of my extension of remarks, I append herewith article from the Grace Log for March and April 1950, commenting upon the career of the late lamented chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, Hon. SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND. The tributes to Mr. BLAND quoted in the article are more than deserved. He was one of the great Americans of his time and certainly the outstanding advocate in America of an adequate merchant marine. The tribute follows:

REPRESENTATIVE SCHUYLER O. BLAND

Representative SCHUYLER O. BLAND, a senior Member of the lower House of Congress, chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, died in mid-February.

At the age of 77, the sturdy advocate of a strong United States merchant marine was in his thirty-second year as a Representative from Virginia. Mr. BLAND's years of service in Congress were exceeded by only four other Members of the House of Representatives. Despite his years and recently uncertain health, he was active in the promotion of the welfare of the merchant marine.

A resident of Newport News, Mr. BLAND continuously had represented the First District of Virginia since 1918. His personal integrity and dignity helped to make him one of the most respected Members of the great legislative body, and were responsible, in part, for the success of much of the legislation which he sponsored.

As chairman of the Merchant Marine Committee for many years, he deserved much of the credit for strengthening United States shipping prior to World War II. Deeply concerned in the postwar years by the deteriorating position of coastwise shipping, the shipbuilding industry, and the merchant marine in general, at the time of his death, he was sponsoring a new long-range program for United States shipping.

Frequently called the "father" and "progenitor" of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, he steered that legislation to passage. Representative BLAND maintained constant vigilance to see that its provisions were being followed.

SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND

In November of last year all United States flag ships in New York Harbor "dressed ship" as a tribute to Mr. BLAND, who was the guest of honor that evening at a testimonial dinner attended by representatives of government, the shipping and shipbuilding industries.

Commenting on the death of Representative BLAND, Mr. Frank J. Taylor, president of the American Merchant Marine Institute, declared: "The entire United States shipping industry, both management and labor, will sorely miss SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, who is truly the father of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, which made possible our present fleet of fine new ships. It is the most important piece of shipping legislation passed in the history of United States shipping. His long tenure as chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries was filled with other important contributions that aided not only shipping but the Nation as a whole. Every ship afloat in our new merchant marine is a monument to his memory."

Mr. Stanley Ferguson, in the New York Journal of Commerce, commented on Representative BLAND'S death. He said, "His death * * * removes from the national scene one of the best, most influential friends the United States merchant marine ever had in Congress, or, for that matter, anywhere else.

"* * * he will be remembered with equal admiration for the courage and perseverance with which he continued to fight for the cause of United States shipping in the face of failing health, as well as of political adversity, in the years following the war.

"Mr. BLAND'S dignity, simplicity, and personal integrity carried such weight in the House that at critical moments it was probably the deciding factor in the enactment of legislation of vital importance to the maritime industry."

Remarks by Representative Wickersham

Of Oklahoma

Mr. WICKERSHAM. Mr. Speaker, there comes a time when one ceases to breathe the air he loves; such a phenomenon befell SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, the dean of the Virginia delegation in the House of Representatives. The departure of Congressman BLAND from a troubled world did not go unnoticed. Just as his family before him believed in a special philosophy, so did one of my most respected colleagues cling to the principles he held dear.

Mr. BLAND was the son of Schuyler Bland, a Confederate soldier, and Olivia James Anderson Bland. His ancestors include Theoderick and Richard Bland, who were Members of the Continental Congress. The illustrious forebears of SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND would never have been ashamed of him. His record is unmistakably clear and defined.

In reviewing the sketches from his life, one realizes his continual progress. Mr. BLAND practiced law until July 1918, when he was elected to the Sixty-fifth Congress to succeed William R. Jones, who died in office. Mr. BLAND was reelected to the Sixty-sixth Congress and successively to the Eighty-first Congress.

Mr. BLAND was chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee of the House and was a recognized authority on the maritime service.

I had the pleasure of serving on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee with Mr. BLAND. He was always prompt in calling committee meetings; he was friendly; he was helpful to all the members; he distinguished himself as a true servant of his country.

Mr. BLAND was responsible for the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 and was a leader in framing the Ship Sales Act of 1946.

Untiring in his efforts, always diligent, patient, and good natured, Mr. BLAND was an able administrator.

SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND died on February 16, 1950, at the age of 77, but in that passing went the sympathy of many, many people.

And though he has gone down the roadway of permanent sleep, that state of peace he now experiences is surely a token reward for the good things he did while he was with the world in all its tumult.

The far-reaching vision of SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND is reflected throughout this Nation, and his actions affected the entire world, resulting in the betterment of mankind.

Remarks by Representative Weichel

Of Ohio

Mr. WEICHEL. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of the Honorable SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, the State of Virginia lost one of its most distinguished sons. It was with sadness that I learned of his passing for during the war period and the readjustment he gave untiringly of his great ability to creating the American merchant marine necessary to our success in war as well as in peace. It was this super effort put forth during those troubled days that took so much of his strength. Upon coming to the Congress, I had the privilege to serve with Judge BLAND on the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries where he was a most able chairman and a gracious gentleman. He was especially considerate of the new Members of Congress, and I shall not forget his warmth of friendship extended to me as a freshman in the Congress.

His continuity in the House of Representatives from July 2, 1918, is a glowing tribute of the high esteem in which he was held by his native State. He will be long remembered as a distinguished legislator whose life interest was the establishment and continuity of an adequate American merchant marine, and I want to join with his colleagues from Virginia in mourning the passing of a most distinguished Member of the Congress whose name will live as the father of the American merchant marine.

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THURSDAY, *February 16, 1950.*

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Smith].

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House, it is my very sad and unpleasant duty to announce the death this morning of the senior Member of the Virginia delegation, the chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, the Honorable SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND. Mr. BLAND has been a Member of the Congress for some 34 years. He was serving his seventeenth term in the House. He was the fifth oldest Member in point of service. He was chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and had long and well served his constituency and his country in that capacity. I think he was one of the hardest-worked Members of the House. I think it can truly be said that when the war came on and the functions of the merchant marine became so important, the work of that committee became so heavy that the tasks he was compelled to perform in those years, and did willingly and gladly and with all his heart, made him truly a casualty of the war, because since that time OTIS BLAND was never a well man; in fact, he had not been able to attend very often in the present session of the Congress.

I know that the loss to the country is great, because I do not think that any other man knew as much about the merchant marine of this country as did SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my friends here in the Congress will join with me in mourning his departure and will with me extend their very great sympathy to his bereaved widow,

who is well known to so many Members of this House, because she is active in all of the social affairs of the membership, and I know that she is held highly in the affections of the Members of the House and their families. In the loss of SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND I feel that we have lost a very dear Member of our official family, and I know that it is a great loss to our country at this time when he is so much needed.

I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, on an occasion of this kind one gropes for words to express his thoughts properly. In the passing of SCHUYLER BLAND the House has lost one of its outstanding Members and the country one of its outstanding legislators. I have lost a valued personal friend.

I can remember when I first came to Congress one of the first Members I met was our late beloved friend. As a young and a new Member, I was immediately attracted to him, not only for his great capacity as a legislator but for his charming personality, his sweetness, and his kindness. Our association throughout the years in this body has been very, very close.

The House is deeply touched by the death of our late friend. We realize that while no man is indispensable, in the case of SCHUYLER BLAND it will be very difficult for any district in the country, never mind his own district, to replace him by one who possesses not only his qualifications but his broad, understanding mind.

Virginia is one of the mother Commonwealths of our country. It has given great men to the service of our country both in the preconstitutional days and during our constitutional history. The very father of our country, whose birthday we shall commemorate and honor next Wednesday, was a son of the great Commonwealth of Virginia. Down through the decades, from the earliest colonial settlement to the present time, Virginia has made its marked contribu-

tions in all walks of human activity, particularly in those that relate to the progress of our country, and more particularly to the public service of our country. There is a long list of outstanding men born in Virginia who have left their imprint upon the passage of time during their lives. Of them, SCHUYLER BLAND ranks with the greatest.

Speaking for the Massachusetts delegation, as I know I can in particular, and as majority leader speaking for the entire House, we join the Virginia delegation in expressing our deep sympathy on the death of our beloved friend. We extend to his widow and to the people of his district our profound sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman.

I now yield to the distinguished Speaker of the House.

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I know of few men whose passing would touch me more deeply than the passing of OTIS BLAND. We were warm personal friends. I have had the privilege of visiting in his home and seeing his home life, the fine, courteous, splendid gentleman that he was, a man of outstanding ability, a man of great and fundamental character, truly one of the greatest souls with whom it has ever been my privilege to come in contact.

His district, his State, and his country, that he loved so well and that he served so long, will miss him always. But I could not leave this place without saying something about his sweet helpmate, Mary. She was able; she was kind. When people she knew were in trouble, and you heard of it and went to see those people, you found Mary Bland already there. And she stayed and arranged things after all were gone. To that sweet and gracious lady I tender my deepest and sincere sympathy in her great loss. I want her to know that with her I shall miss him always.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished minority leader, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Martin].

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I learned of the death of our good friend and beloved colleague, OTIS BLAND. His death is a great loss to all of us. When I first came to the Congress 26 years ago OTIS BLAND was one of the outstanding leaders of Congress and so he continued through all of his many years of service. He was courteous, thoughtful, and considerate. He gave his friendship freely and was always anxious to give a helping hand to the newer Members. Through occupying adjacent suites he and I formed an early friendship that ripened as the years rolled by. I came to admire him as a great Virginian, a great statesman, and a stalwart American.

Perhaps no individual had a better grasp of the serious problem of the merchant marine than Mr. BLAND. He was an authority upon shipping and fisheries. It is unfortunate at this particular time when we face the task of maintaining for national defense a strong merchant marine that we should be deprived of his knowledge and his guiding hand.

I join with the Virginia delegation and all of our colleagues, both Republican and Democratic Members alike, in paying tribute to an outstanding public servant and a sturdy American. We have all lost a great friend, and the country a strong right arm. To Mrs. Bland, whom I have had the privilege of knowing for many years, and for whom I have the greatest respect and affection, as well as to the members of her family, goes my heartfelt and deepest sympathy.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Harrison].

Mr. HARRISON. Mr. Speaker, throughout his long service SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND held an unwavering devotion to his country and the principles of this Republic. His great concern was a conscientious attention to matters entrusted to him by the Congress and by his constituents. Mr. BLAND rarely took the floor in this Chamber unless a matter affecting the committee he served so faithfully and with such

ability was under discussion. But in these times his colleagues could rest assured that he would furnish them a carefully prepared and lucid exposition of the legislation offered for debate.

In his years as chairman of the important Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries he developed a peerless reputation as a champion of a healthy merchant sea service. The protection and proper utilization of our coastal and inland waters were problems to which he gave the diligent attention of a true conservationist.

Mr. BLAND learned the importance of industriousness in his youth, when he was obliged to practice rigid self-denial in his quest for legal knowledge.

He served as a friend and as an inspiration to scores of his juniors in this House, and particularly to those of us in the Virginia delegation. As an outstanding and beloved example of the useful legislator, he will be mourned sincerely by the entire membership of this House and by the people of Virginia whom he served so faithfully and so well. We from Virginia have a particular feeling today of love and sympathy for his beloved widow. The affection which existed between Mr. BLAND and his wife and their deep attachment and love for each other was an inspiration to us all.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. McSweeney].

Mr. McSWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleague the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Smith] and other Members of the Virginia delegation in paying tribute to a noble soul. One of the sadnesses upon my return to Congress was to find that some of the vigor and strength had gone from that once very vigorous and very arduous worker, Mr. BLAND.

I remember, before the days when we had amplification in this Hall, his splendid voice, loud and yet resonant, always could be heard with a kindly tone carrying to us of the Congress his complete and reliable information relative to the

things he knew were right and for the well-being of our country. As I said, my sadness was increased when I came back to Congress and saw that Mr. BLAND'S step was somewhat halted, his back was somewhat bent, but I never saw a lessening of that kindly gleam that came from his genial eye.

I remember coming here in my younger days with my wife, newly married, and one of those persons who was very friendly, and tried to make it possible for us to enjoy this new situation more completely, was that gracious lady, Mrs. Bland. Through all these years that splendid friendship has continued.

I join with you and your colleagues, Mr. Smith, in your beautiful expressions of sympathy and in your realization that we have lost not only a splendid public servant but a very fine friend.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman.

I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. Boggs].

Mr. BOGGS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, when Judge BLAND first came to the Congress of the United States the merchant marine of this country carried approximately 8 percent of the foreign commerce of this country. When Judge BLAND first entered the halls of this great body our merchant marine was at the lowest ebb in all of its great and glorious history. Today all over the world the American flag flies. The greatest tribute to Judge BLAND is the fact that those flags do fly everywhere in the world. I have the high privilege of representing the second port in the United States of America. There, in a very concrete, practical, and realistic way, we daily see the fruit of his great labors. The Merchant Marine Act of 1936 is the outstanding legislation passed by this Congress to restore and reaffirm the position of our country on the high seas. That act was the product of the genius of Judge BLAND, of Virginia. It meant that when we entered the second great World War we had the ma-

chinery, the equipment, and the shipyards to produce the greatest fleet that our Nation or any nation has ever known.

So not only do I join with my friends from Virginia in paying tribute to a dear colleague, a loving, humble, and understanding character, but to a man whose contribution to the United States of America and to the security of our great country is second to none. To his devoted wife I, too, extend my heartfelt sympathy. She has the consolation of knowing that Judge BLAND served his State and his country well and faithfully.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman from Louisiana.

I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Rich].

Mr. RICH. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with the Virginia delegation in paying tribute to this great American, Judge BLAND. I came here first about 20 years ago. I recall many, many times the vigor with which Judge BLAND presented problems that came before the committee of which he was chairman, the great Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. How well and how ably he handled those problems, with that great vigor he possessed, and with a desire to impress upon the Members of the Congress that the things he said were absolutely true and correct. I think he did a wonderful job. He had a wonderful command of the English language. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word. Never have I gone to him and asked him to consider certain problems that he did not give me an honest, sincere hearing. He has now passed to the Great Beyond, but I consider him as a man who tried to serve his country and his State well. He did.

I, too, wish to pay tribute to his dear wife, who has always been one of the most gracious ladies I have ever known, and extend my sympathy to her in the sorrow she now suffers through the passing of her dearest companion and husband.

This Nation has lost one of the best legislators with whom it has been my privilege to associate; the State of Virginia likewise, and his congressional district.

May God be gracious unto his widow and members of his family to whom we extend our sympathy.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. O'Toole].

Mr. O'TOOLE. Mr. Speaker, SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND has sailed to his home port with his ship full rigged and on the bridge to the last. This is as he would have planned it.

During the 14 years I have been in this House, I learned to value the counsel and friendship of the departed. I served with him in the Committee on the Library and also in the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. Judge BLAND was a man of strong will and strong determination, but he employed these values with a wide, broad vision. This was a fortunate thing, as the gentleman from Louisiana said, for our country. He recognized in the days before the last war, that a conflict was coming, and he realized, as many others did not, that the merchant marine was not an auxiliary force but was just as important—more important in many respects—than the Army and the Navy. He fought in a determined manner to strengthen the merchant marine, and he brought it up to such a high state of efficiency as to shorten the war by many years. His counsel will be missed by all in the committee; his counsel will be missed by those of his State delegation.

Today to his dear, faithful wife and to the Members of the Virginia delegation I extend the full degree of my condolence.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman from New York.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. LeCompte].

Mr. LECOMPTE. Mr. Speaker, when I came to Congress in 1939 I discovered very soon that Judge BLAND was one of the strong men of this Congress and an outstanding leader; I also discovered that he was devoted to duty. Judge BLAND was a man who extended to me a great deal of personal aid. I became acquainted with him early in my service here. We had a number of problems together in one of the departments.

SCHUYLER BLAND was a man who expressed confidence in young men, gave them encouragement when they came into Congress and gave them confidence in themselves. I doubt if I could name a man in my experience who has rendered greater service than Judge BLAND. We will not soon see his like again.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Thompson].

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, those of us who served with Judge BLAND as members of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries feel the loss almost as keenly as it is felt by the Virginia delegation. The Judge was far more than merely a committee chairman; he was more of an elder brother; and, to some of the younger members, perhaps, almost a father. He expected the best from those of us who worked under him. He gave us the fullest amount of responsibility, but always he was there with a helping hand under the elbow whenever we needed it.

The memory of the work that he did for the Nation and especially for the merchant marine of our country will continue to inspire all of us who have known him.

There is one other little thought that has been running through my mind all this morning since the most distressing news reached me. There is a term applied to a good many men but deserved by so very few—a gentleman of the old school. We may never have known another, but in knowing Judge BLAND we knew one.

I join with the Virginia delegation in extending to his family every sympathy.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. Whittington].

Mr. WHITTINGTON. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND has brought sorrow to all of the Members of the House. While his health for more than a year had not been as good as usual, during the present session his many friends were delighted to note that there had been an improvement in his physical condition in the past few months. He had announced that he would not be a candidate for reelection after the expiration of his present term. The improvement in his health had encouraged his many friends to believe that the relaxation from public duties would result in his living to be much older.

He was a Member of the House for nearly 32 years. He was not only chairman of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries but he was the outstanding authority on merchant marine in the United States. The Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and the Committee on Flood Control, of which I was chairman, had adjoining offices and committee rooms. We saw one another daily. For a short time I served on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries with Judge BLAND. There is no better opportunity to judge the work of a Member of Congress than in the committee room.

Judge BLAND was well born. He was a descendant of the Blands of Virginia, who were most prominent during the Revolution and the adoption of the Constitution. He was patriotic. He was an American of the Virginia mold. He was intensely loyal to his State and to his country.

Our departed friend was well prepared for service in the House. He was conspicuous in his community service. He had had experience on the bench. He had grown up with an excellent background and in the public service. From the

very beginning of his service he took high rank among the Members of the House.

Judge BLAND was one of the most industrious men I ever knew. He was indefatigable in office and committee work. He was the master of every bill reported by his committee. The House came to rely upon him. They knew that the hearings had been comprehensive; that all facts had been developed. The Members relied upon his conclusions and his recommendations.

No Member of either branch of Congress contributed more to the merchant marine in peace or to the expansion of the merchant marine in World War II than Judge BLAND. While interested in the merchant marine as it affected his district, he was interested in the merchant marine as it affected the Nation, and as it provided for the prosecution of World War II and for national defense. He is entitled to more credit for the merchant marine, for the Coast Guard, and for fisheries as authorized by the Congress than any other Member of either body.

Judge BLAND was a loyal and devoted friend. He was dependable. He was reliable. His word was his bond. He was a living demonstration of the fact that the best way to have friends is to be a friend.

He was a devoted husband. His charming wife was the idol of his heart. She and my wife were close friends for years. They were associated in the activities of the Congressional Club composed of the wives of Senators and Representatives. My wife and I are personally and deeply grieved in the passing of Judge BLAND. We extend to his devoted wife our deepest sympathy.

Judge BLAND was among the leading Members of the House of Representatives for many years. No man was more influential or controlling in the passage of legislation which he championed and which he reported to the House. He will be greatly missed.

The passing of SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND is a distinct loss to Virginia and to the United States. The country can ill afford to lose such men as he. He lived the good life of his time. He served his country long, well, and faithfully. He has been gathered to his fathers. Honor to his memory. Peace to his ashes.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Jonas].

Mr. JONAS. Mr. Speaker, my acquaintanceship and association with the man we are paying tribute to this morning is of much shorter duration than that of the distinguished gentlemen who have preceded me.

I became acquainted with Judge BLAND during my short tenure as a member of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. During the period I served with him and under him as chairman of that committee, I learned not only to esteem but to admire and to respect him.

He was a man of scholarly attainment. Anyone who had the pleasure of serving with him on the committee was soon made conscious of the fact that he was a man who had a broad conception of the duties and functions that his committee had to assume and, above all things, he was a presiding officer who was fair and impartial and through the erudite manner in which he conducted the affairs of the committee he won the admiration of every new Member who was privileged to serve under him.

I join the distinguished delegation from Virginia this morning in paying tribute to the memory of a great American, a great statesman, and a great scholar, and an humble citizen who has contributed so much to the cause and welfare of your country and mine.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. Rankin].

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Speaker, first I desire to join in the statements that have been made about Virginia which has contributed more great men to the Nation than probably any other State. I have always regarded Virginia as one of the best governed States in the Union; and that applies today.

Virginia produced the greatest leader of all times, George Washington, whose birthday we will celebrate next Wednesday.

She produced Thomas Jefferson, the wisest political philosopher the world has ever known.

She produced Patrick Henry, the greatest orator of all times. You may search the literature of all ages, and you will find no speech of its length that will compare with Patrick Henry's address to the Virginia Convention.

She produced Walter Reed, who has done more to alleviate the sufferings of mankind than Lister, Jenner, and Pasteur all combined. Some day I hope I may find time to pay my tribute to this great American.

She produced Robert E. Lee, the greatest commander of the English-speaking race, and many other great leaders I could mention.

But, all of them had one great attribute that was possessed to the highest degree by OTIS BLAND, and that was common honesty.

Alexander Pope said:

> A wit's a feather, and a chief a rod;
> An honest man's the noblest work of God.

When I first came to Congress I arrived several days before my term of office began. There was a contest going in the House over a seat in Pennsylvania. I saw OTIS BLAND put on trial in that contest. He took what to a majority on our side, especially our leadership, was the unpopular position, but he was inspired by that common honesty he always manifested in all his dealings in the House of Representatives, and I am sure in all his dealings in private life. He impressed

me more that night than any other man that I saw in the Congress at that time, and during all the years we have served together that great attribute of OTIS BLAND, that sterling, common honesty, and courage to back it up, has stood out and marked him to me as among the great leaders of our generation.

I join with the Virginia delegation in mourning the untimely passing of this great Representative of that great State.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Hugh D. Scott, Jr.].

Mr. HUGH D. SCOTT, JR. Mr. Speaker, I have always had, from earliest days, the greatest respect for the Congress of the United States and for this House. The inception of that feeling is due, I think, to the fact that the first Congressman I ever saw or ever met or ever heard was our beloved colleague, Judge BLAND. When I was a young student, just beginning college, I heard Judge BLAND make one of his first speeches as a Member of the Congress at the unveiling of a statue to Gen. Hugh Mercer, the hero of the Battle of Princeton, after whom Mercersburg, Pa., was named, and who was a resident, as were many other distinguished people from George Washington and John Paul Jones on, of my then home town, Fredericksburg, Va.

I was born in Judge BLAND'S district. I perhaps, have the unique distinction of being, so far as I know, the only Member of Congress, party lines aside, who had at one time been offered an appointment to the United States Naval Academy by a colleague with whom he later served in this House. That appointment was offered to me in the year 1918 by Judge BLAND. So I have known him and known his family and learned from him and followed with interest and affection all the things he did.

It was a great privilege to be able to serve with him and know him more intimately on the Committee on Merchant

Marine and Fisheries. He was fair and he was courteous, but more than that he was kindly and he was helpful. At all times one felt the hand of a man who knew what was necessary to do and what was good for his country to have accomplished. He guided through this House many important and at times vitally essential items of legislation.

I know we will all miss him, that we will grieve for him and for his family in his passing. He has gone to a world where rewards of which we know naught await those who have truly served and been loved by their fellow men.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania. I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. O'Hara].

Mr. O'HARA of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to join in the very deep and sincere tribute of respect that is being paid to my good friend, whom I always called Judge BLAND.

I recall that in the early months of my first session of Congress I went to Judge BLAND and asked him to do me a favor, which he could easily have turned aside; he graciously granted it. It was a kindly, helpful, human thing for one of the ablest leaders in the House of Representatives to do to a new Member of Congress.

Always down through the years when I had an opportunity I would go out of my way to speak to Judge BLAND because of the fine, kindly smile he had and the kindly twinkle in his eyes.

When I first came here, Judge BLAND was one of the most effective, powerful speakers on the floor. He has left behind him a tremendous record of accomplishment. More than that, he has left with his colleagues an abiding affection for him as an individual as well as a Member of Congress.

Knowing Judge BLAND, I would say that he was born a gentleman. God gave him a kind and a great heart. Life gave him the opportunity to be generous with two great

qualities. In my memory, he is a very fine and a great individual, who has left a very lasting impression upon me and on the Nation.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman from Minnesota.

I yield to the gentleman from Maine [Mr. Hale].

Mr. HALE. Mr. Speaker, when I came to my office this morning and saw the flag at half-mast, I did not know what it meant. It was a sad blow to me to learn that the occasion for this symbol of mourning was the death of my friend, SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND.

I had the honor in 1945 and 1946 to serve on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries under the chairmanship of Judge BLAND. Certainly nobody who ever served under him would forget him, would lack in admiration for his fine qualities as a legislator, or would lack in affection for him as a man. He was a most lovable personality. If he had a fault on the committee, it was that he was too patient with people who imposed on his good nature. But he had a wonderful heart and wonderful character.

The efficiency of the American merchant marine was his religion. It was the object of his devotion all his life. If the seas do not teem with American shipping, it certainly is not the fault of Judge BLAND.

As it happens, I had occasion to go rather frequently to the district which he represented. I know something about the positive veneration in which he was held there. He was a prophet who had honor in his own country, and he had honor wherever anybody knew him. I mourn his loss and extend my heartfelt sympathy to his widow and devoted kinsmen.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. Auchincloss].

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay my humble tribute to a great American. It was my privilege to know

Mr. BLAND rather intimately in the last few years. I never met a man with a more gentle soul, who had a keener and quieter sense of humor, or who had a more rigid sense of what was right, and practiced it, than did the gentleman from Virginia. I feel a deep sense of loss. My heart is full at his passing, and I extend my sympathy to his widow and family and his colleagues from Virginia. A great power for good has left us and we are the richer for having known him.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the dean of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Sabath].

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, I cannot forego the privilege of adding my few words on the passing of a great statesman from a great State. I had the pleasure of serving with him for many, many years. It is not given to many to have the privilege of serving in the House over a long span of life together with one's colleagues as it was his fortune to do. I always looked up to him with reverence because I saw in him the desire to be of service, not only to his district and his State but to the Nation. He held a very important position in the House for many years. I do not know of any man in the years that have gone by who held that important position and who rendered greater service to the Nation than he did. He was a gentleman and a scholar. He was devoted to the cause of his country. I do not have the words to express my deep and heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones.

As for the House of Representatives we have lost a sincere and capable man by the passing of our friend, Judge BLAND. Younger men, following in his footsteps with the same zeal and sincerity for honest and courageous service, always recognizing and having the interest of the people at heart, can also expect many years of service in this great deliberative body. Real service to the country is appreciated and recognized as we are recognizing it today.

Mr. Speaker, I am indeed grieved at his passing. I wish to express to his loved ones, to his district, his State, and

to the Nation my sincere regret at losing such an outstanding servant, great statesman, and loyal and patriotic citizen.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Harris].

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I, too, am deeply grieved at the untimely passing of our devoted friend and colleague. I join my other colleagues here in paying this high and well-deserved tribute to one of the greatest and ablest legislators it has been my privilege to know.

For 10 years I have personally known Judge BLAND. He has been an inspiration to me in the House of Representatives.

I happened to serve with him on a committee when I first came here, and learned to know him intimately. It was my privilege to visit in his district during the war. I had occasion to spend 2 or 3 days there. Several hours of 1 day were spent with him, during which time he showed me around his district at Norfolk and Newport News.

It was my pleasure to be with him that evening in the hotel. I never had a more delightful visit. I never experienced a finer or better reception from anyone. So I, too, saw the esteem in which his own people held him. I have seen the wonderful and outstanding service that he has rendered here. I take this opportunity of paying my respects and my tribute to Judge BLAND. I, too, want to extend my deepest sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman from Arkansas.

I now yield to the distinguished gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Gary].

Mr. GARY. Mr. Speaker, we mourn today the loss of one of our most beloved members. In years of service in this House, SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND stood fifth among his colleagues. He was nominated for this high office by one of the most turbulent Democratic conventions ever held in Virginia. Al-

though he was not a candidate, when a deadlock developed in the convention, his name was proposed on the eightieth ballot and he was nominated on the eighty-second ballot. He was elected in the special election which followed and took his oath of office on July 2, 1918. For more than 30 years he served without opposition within his own party and seldom was he challenged by a candidate outside the party.

Mr. BLAND'S record in the Congress is outstanding. As chairman for many years of the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, he labored diligently for the development of these important activities. At one time his committee also included all activities concerning radio and he assisted in drafting the first general radio law. In 1931 he served as Secretary of the United States Yorktown Sesquicentennial Commission and contributed substantially to the success of the celebration. He secured the passage of legislation providing for the creation of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial. He also collaborated in securing the passage of legislation establishing the Colonial National Historical Park, the Washington Birthplace Memorial, and the restoration of Stratford Hall.

Mr. BLAND served his State and Nation with consummate skill, marked ability, and untiring energy. He was independent, outspoken, and fearless. In every way he measured up to those high qualities which characterize a real statesman and a true Virginia gentleman. We can ill afford to lose a man of his caliber at this critical time in our history, but since the Divine Ruler of the universe has called him to his last reward, we can only be thankful for the useful life that he lived, extend our heartfelt sympathy to his faithful and beloved widow who has stood always at his side during his eventful life, and trust that his mantle will fall upon one of like stature.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the distinguished gentleman from Virginia.

I yield now to the distinguished gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Hardy].

Mr. HARDY. Mr. Speaker, everybody who has known Mr. BLAND has recognized in him a great statesman, a great public servant; but we who have enjoyed a more intimate acquaintance with him have felt the warmth of his personal friendship and have loved him. We who have been privileged to associate with Mr. BLAND have had our lives enriched by that association.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Deane].

Mr. DEANE. Mr. Speaker, on an occasion like this it is exceedingly difficult for one to give full expression to his thoughts, and certainly that is true in my case, as I offer my most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Bland and join with my friends from Virginia in extending our condolence to the loved ones of Judge BLAND.

It was not my good fortune to know Judge BLAND the length of time that many Members have known him, but during these 4 years I have grown to love the gentleman in such a way as to look upon him as a father and a wise counselor; likewise, it has been my good fortune to visit in his district where several kinsmen of mine reside, and I know in what deep regard and great respect the people of his own district hold him.

I am thinking of the love that Judge BLAND had for his church, and the moral influence that permeated his life. I believe that his great accomplishments are due in no small degree to the fact that he put first things first in his life. We have lost a most sincere and devoted Member of this great legislative body.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman from North Carolina and yield to the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. Hare].

Mr. HARE. Mr. Speaker, I probably hold an unusual distinction—that of being the youngest Member of Congress to have known Judge BLAND for the longest period of time. I had the privilege of meeting Judge BLAND and living in the same hotel with him during the second session of the Sixty-ninth Congress, some 20 years ago or longer. Perhaps the most lasting impressions made on the mind of any individual are those made during childhood. The impressions Judge BLAND made on me when I used to sit on his knee and listen to his stories were that he was a gentleman of a kindly nature and a great scholar. At that time little did I realize that I should ever have the privilege or opportunity of serving on a committee of the Congress of which he was the chairman. When I came to Congress in January of last year I was delighted and elated that I should be assigned to his committee. As the gentleman from Texas has said, he was not only a brother to some but he was a father to many of us. Judge BLAND, to my mind, was a gentleman and a scholar, and, above all, he was a statesman. In observing his character and nature, I have been frequently reminded of a little verse. Its author is unknown, but to me this verse exemplifies the nature of Judge BLAND:

There are so many lands and there are so many creeds;
There are so many paths that wind and wind,
But the only thing this sad world needs
Is the art of being kind.

Judge BLAND was the most kind individual I have ever known. I join with his host of friends in expressing deep sympathy to his family. His passing is a great loss to our country.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Potter].

Mr. POTTER. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sorrow that I learned this morning that our good friend, Judge BLAND, had passed away. He was a father to the members of the

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. He was a father to the merchant marine industry. He was a friend of every person who knew him.

Judge BLAND was the type of man who could handle the most difficult situations with the greatest of ease. We have lost a great statesman, a hard earnest worker, and truly a fine American.

I extend my sympathies to his family.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Durham].

Mr. DURHAM. Mr. Speaker, I join with the Virginia delegation in expressing my sympathies to Mrs. Bland.

Many of the Members now in the House recall the dark days of 1939, 1940, and 1941. We remember back there when the great Commander in Chief sent word here to this body to get ships and get them at any cost. At that time the type of cruel warfare which we were witnessing was sweeping from the seas the greatest merchant marine fleet in the world. Mr. BLAND, as chairman of the Merchant Marine Committee, assumed that responsibility, he assumed it as a patriot, and there is no doubt in my mind that in shouldering those heavy burdens his health was impaired, patriot that he was. He has left something that is worth while to all Americans. I extend to Mrs. Bland my very deepest sympathy.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. Priest].

Mr. PRIEST. Mr. Speaker, I never more fully realized the limitations of language or the inadequacy of words than on an occasion like this when I attempt to express my feelings about a person such as Judge BLAND. Oftentimes I think it is the little things in a man's personality that reveal most of his character.

I recall that all during last year, when, as the Democratic whip in the House, I would put in a whip call for Members to come to the floor, each time Judge BLAND came he would always report to me personally. And he always came. He seemed to feel that since the call had come he should come to me personally as soon as he reached the floor. He would always come and say: "Your call came. I want you to know that I am here and you need not worry about me for the rest of the day. I will be here as long as I am needed."

That is one of the small things that reveals the great fidelity to the position he held, a fidelity that characterized Judge BLAND throughout all of his long and distinguished career here.

I join with all of our colleagues in paying a sincere, if brief, tribute to his memory, and in expressing my heartfelt sympathy for his loved ones.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Abbitt].

Mr. ABBITT. Mr. Speaker, it was with extreme sadness that I heard the news this morning of the death of our beloved associate, colleague, and friend, Judge BLAND. It was not my privilege to have known him personally as long as many Members of the House have; but I had known him for some time. To know him was to love him. I appreciate the opportunity of having served here with him and fully realize the great benefit of his influence and guiding hand.

He was a kind and loving husband, a great statesman, a good family man, an outstanding legislator, and a real public servant. He walked humbly before his fellow man, always ready, willing, and desirous of hearing anyone who he thought could be helped. His constituency loved him. They held him in the highest esteem. He is survived by a most charming wife who felt that she, too, had the duty of looking after her people, and that she has done faithfully. We extend to her our greatest and heartfelt sympathies on this

occasion. Virginia has lost a real statesman, and the Nation, too, will feel this great loss.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Fugate].

Mr. FUGATE. Mr. Speaker, Virginia has lost her elder statesman. Some men are measured by their usefulness in their community, some in the State in which they serve, and some in the Nation, and some in the world. Judge OTIS BLAND had the distinction of being one who was able to serve the world.

We are told that there can be no greatness without great dimensions. Judge BLAND possessed measurements in the greatest dimensions. He had, in the long service here in the House, a tenure of years which gave him an opportunity to serve his country. He had breadth of understanding and depth of knowledge, and a kindliness such as I have never known.

When I came here as a freshman Member last year and was given assignment on his committee, at first I was not sure that I would be satisfied with that assignment. But, as the days came and went and I learned to know my chairman, I came to love him, not as a colleague, but as a father. Day after day, as he came on this floor, he would sit by me and hold some kindly council, something to say to me that I appreciated. I loved him; I respected him. I believe he was not only great in his community and in the State of Virginia, but in these United States, and he contributed largely, by reason of his knowledge of merchant shipping, to the winning of the war. As many of you know, he was considered the father of the merchant marine. He lived and thought and gave his devotion to making that arm of our defense strong. I know that each one of us feel deeply his passing. The 32 years of service here was a tenure that gave all of us an opportunity of knowing that Judge BLAND was no ordinary man. Many have said here today that they loved him, and I, too, loved him.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Burton].

Mr. BURTON. Mr. Speaker, this morning Virginia, as well as our Nation, has lost one of its most valuable citizens, Representative SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND. We were all greatly shocked to learn of the death of our beloved friend. He was one of the most able and conscientious men in the House and the high esteem in which he was held by the people of Virginia is best evidenced by his election to this body for seventeen consecutive terms.

Mr. BLAND attained his position of leadership through his sterling character, his ability, integrity, and outstanding courage and those of us who have had the privilege of serving with him learned to love him for his kindness of heart and his willingness at all times to help those in need. His first thought was for his country, and his life was devoted to its service.

His knowledge and his wise judgment have been a large factor in the development of our merchant marine.

The Nation and Virginia have lost in SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND one of their finest statesmen. We shall sadly miss him and mourn the loss of one of Virginia's greatest and most useful public servants.

To his wife we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman.

I yield to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Jackson].

Mr. JACKSON of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I have suffered a great personal loss in the passing of Judge BLAND. It has been almost 10 years now since I first came to Congress. My first assignment was to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. The advice and kindly counsel he gave to me was that which a father would give to his son. In many ways I feel today as if I had lost my own father.

I know of no man who has served in the Congress who was more able than Judge BLAND. He was not only a great legis-

lator, he was a great scholar. In spite of the passing of the years he was very alert to the problems confronting his great committee and the problems confronting the Nation as a whole.

He was kindly, and he was a gentleman in every sense of that term. He was one man who had a very keen sense of justice and fairness. I cannot recall an instance under his chairmanship in which he did not make every effort to see that the witness appearing before his committee had his day in court, so to speak.

The country has lost a great statesman. The country has lost the kind of man we need in Congress, whether they come from the Republican Party or the Democratic Party.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman.

I yield to the gentleman from Idaho [Mr. White].

Mr. WHITE of Idaho. Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt sorrow that I have learned of the passing of Virginia's able Representative, Congressman BLAND. He was a grand American gentleman, an able legislator. He made a record in the service of his country in the Halls of Congress that is an inspiration to all of us. We shall long miss his presence and his wise and kindly counsel. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman.

I yield to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts [Mrs. Rogers].

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I pay only a brief tribute to the gentleman from Virginia, Judge BLAND. I knew him and his gracious wife before coming to Congress. They were a very devoted and very splendid couple.

Judge BLAND was my idea of a perfect Virginia gentleman, and what can you say of one more than that? He was courteous and friendly; a gentleman even when he was

aroused to righteous anger when he thought a wrong had been done to his merchant marine, when he thought a wrong had been done to his State, when he thought a wrong had been done to his country.

No matter how busy he was with affairs of state, he was never too busy to stop to talk to his friends and give them counsel. Although a Republican, I felt he gave me the same attention and the same interest he gave to one of his own party. I liked to appear before his committee. He, like all men of great stature, was very glad of any small bit of information regarding his duty as a Member of Congress. As the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. Priest] has said, he was always here. Judge BLAND was always here. But now he has joined other great statesmen of Virginia who have gone to their reward.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Bonner].

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, my heart was saddened this morning when I was preparing to come to the Capitol and heard over the radio the announcement of Judge BLAND'S death. Since becoming a Member of Congress it has been my honor and my pleasure to serve under the chairmanship of the late Member from Virginia. I have never been given to eulogizing my friends after they die. It has always been my practice in life, and I have tried to lead my life so that I would express to my friends during their lifetime my admiration for them and my feeling for them.

My love for Judge BLAND can best be recorded in a House document which is now available. The occasion was the unveiling of a painting of Judge BLAND in the Merchant Marine Committee room. I am very proud now that I took the leading part in making possible the hanging of that portrait on the committee-room wall. I had charge of the exercises and presided over them. In that document I expressed then my admiration for Judge BLAND, though it was

some years past. He was a strong leader. He was a fair chairman. He knew his subject. His heart, his mind, and his soul and energy were devoted to the upbuilding of the merchant marine of America for purposes of commerce as well as for the purposes of national defense. He was very jealous of this very great organization. He was very jealous of charges that may have been brought against it.

So interested was he that it hurt him when anyone criticized the Maritime Commission or the merchant marine of America. He felt it was a reflection on the great service that they had endeavored to render and the great service which they did render and he took it to his heart personally and felt it deeply. I was very fond of him. I admired him, and anyone who knew him as I knew him must have admired him. He was a fine Christian gentleman, strong in determination and strong in character, yet down deep in his heart he was as gentle as any man you will ever find.

He was a great husband. He loved his home. He loved his friends. From my personal association with Mr. BLAND I believe it was difficult for him to express to his friends his true feeling of the love and loyalty of their friendship. Yet I know it existed personally and deeply in his heart. I know his thought and his devotion and appreciation of friendship ever abided with him and went with him wherever he might be. To his family and his friends I express my deep sympathy and desire that they should know I feel I have lost a true and loyal friend under whose leadership I gained a great confidence in myself—an American who gave and gave freely to the causes of freedom and the causes that best served our country.

I shall always remember him and shall always treasure in my heart the pleasure of having known him and to be able to call such a splendid man my friend.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. I thank the gentleman from North Carolina.

I yield to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Cox].

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, it is the divinity that stirs within us that gives to us the expressed appreciation of a great Virginian, which means a great American, who had a moral cleansing influence upon every living thing he touched.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may extend their remarks at this point in the Record.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mr. PLUMLEY. Mr. Speaker, they tell me that my friend of the long years, one SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, of Virginia, of the land of my grandchildren, is dead, whatever that means.

It means little to me for so long as I live, he will live in my memory and the recollection of the days of our activity together, which tolerated no death.

He came to Congress from that great State, the mother of Presidents, from Virginia, which he served so faithfully. He was named by his parents after one whose virtues he exemplified superbly and with respect to whose ability he played no second place as of his day and age.

God grant him the rest given to tired and tried souls as he heard his Master say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

May the grace of God supply all those inadequacies for and of those of us who reverently pray.

Mr. REED of New York. Mr. Speaker, this is a sad day for all of us. While I think most of us had observed that our dear friend and colleague, Hon. SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, was failing in health, nevertheless I for one was not prepared for his passing so soon. We are never ready to have those for whom we have great affection, depart this life. It has been

my privilege to serve with Representative BLAND for almost 32 years. I have found him to be at all times a man of courage and fidelity in the performance of his duties.

I understand that his people regarded him so highly and with such a degree of affection that during his entire service in the House, from July 2, 1918, until the present time, he never has had a primary contest nor an election contest. His entire 17 terms in the House of Representatives was of extraordinary statesmanlike service to his constituents. There is little consolation that one can have unless we can find it in these words:

> Life is not merely a floating shadow, a momentary spark, a dream that vanishes. Nothing can be grander than a life filled with great and noble thoughts—with brave and honest deeds. Such a life sheds light, and the seeds of truth sown by great and loyal men bear fruit through all the years to be.

I extend my heartfelt sympathy, in which Mrs. Reed joins me, to Mrs. Bland and to all the surviving members of the family of our departed colleague.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked this morning when I learned of the death of our beloved colleague, the Honorable SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, of the First Congressional District of Virginia, who was affectionately known as judge to me and most of his colleagues in the House. I feel a keen personal loss in his passing, as he has been a real friend since I first came to the House and one whom I admired for his sterling character and lovable nature.

Judge BLAND was first elected to the Sixty-fifth Congress and reelected to each succeeding Congress. As chairman of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee of the House he wielded a great influence in obtaining the passage of vital and important legislation and contributed immensely to the building of our American merchant marine.

The judge's kindly manner and sincerity of purpose won the love and respect of all of his colleagues in the House.

The Congress and the people of Virginia have lost a skilled statesman whose good deeds and extraordinary record will long endure. His dear wife has my heartfelt sympathy upon her great loss. May he rest in peace.

Mr. BREEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I arise today to express my sympathy to the family of the Honorable SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND. Judge BLAND was certainly one of the outstanding Members of Congress and his loss will be keenly felt. One of the great pleasures I have experienced since being elected to the Eighty-first Congress has been the privilege of being associated with Judge BLAND during his chairmanship of one of the committees in the House of Representatives. His loyalty to his country and his sound, solid thinking will certainly be missed by his colleagues who have known, respected and loved him.

Mr. KEOGH. Mr. Speaker, this is a very sad occasion when one who has been privileged to serve with our late distinguished colleague, SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, must note his passing. He was above all a gentleman—a most capable representative of his people and a public servant of rare type. I was privileged for a number of years to serve under his inspiring chairmanship of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and I, therefore, had many opportunities to observe his gentility, courtesy, and kindliness especially to the younger Members. His memory will remain vivid with me for many years. The Congress and the country are better for his having lived. To his family I extend my deep and sincere expression of sympathy.

Mrs. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, when the news of the passing of our beloved colleague, SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, reached the House of Representatives on Thursday morning it was received with genuine sorrow. No person could know Mr. BLAND and not feel a sense of great loss that he would no longer answer to the roll call. For myself, I feel a deep personal loss for I counted him a dear friend of 25 long

years. Many years ago, when as a new and "green" Member of the House, feeling puzzled about a certain bill, and not having any deep conviction as to how I should vote, I asked his advice. Although I was not aware of his having any personal interest in the bill until later, when I learned he was opposed to it, his advice was purely objective. I well remember his words, "If you believe in your heart that you should vote for the bill, do so; we all make mistakes but if they are honest mistakes there should be no cause for regret." That, I think, summed up his philosophy. And he lived up to it in his long service to his district and to his country. His voice was strong. It carried conviction, and you knew when you listened that whether or not you agreed with him, that here was a man you could trust, one who placed service to his country far above expediency.

During the late war when our hearts rebelled at some of the laws it was necessary to adopt in order to keep faith with America and for our own safety, Congressman BLAND never flinched. He was there always to be counted as one of the strong supporters of all that was best in legislative procedure.

I shall miss him. We all shall miss him but none so much as his beloved Mary to whom our hearts go out in great sympathy, affection, and understanding. May his great soul rest in peace, and may the Bright Recorder place him among those who loved their fellow men.

Mr. ALLEN of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay my respects to the memory of the Honorable SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, and to join with my colleagues in the House in appreciation of the great character which he brought to us.

In the nature of things his long membership on the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries put him in touch with those industries, and particularly with men engaged in the shipping industry in all of its phases and in all places from which ships of our Nation sail. Over our whole Nation,

on the Pacific coast as much as elsewhere, this gentleman from Virginia was appreciated and revered for his untiring efforts on behalf of our Nation and its merchant marine.

I shall always remember with deep appreciation his kindly way, his unfailing adherence to the principles in which he believed, his promptness, and the pleasure it gave one to be in his presence.

Mr. SMITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I present a resolution (H. Res. 476) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, a Representative from the State of Virginia.

Resolved, That a committee of 10 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to attend the funeral: Mr. Smith of Virginia, Mr. Hart, Mr. Weichel, Mr. Gary, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Abbitt, Mr. Burton, and Mr. Fugate.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 33 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House

adjourned until Monday, February 20, 1950, at 12 o'clock noon.

MONDAY, *February 20, 1950.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. McDaniel, its enrolling clerk, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 229):

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, late a Representative from the State of Virginia.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Vice President to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate do now take a recess until 12 o'clock meridian tomorrow.

The message also announced that pursuant to the above resolution the Presiding Officer had appointed Mr. Byrd and Mr. Robertson members of the committee on the part of the Senate.

WEDNESDAY, *April 5, 1950.*

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, the memory of a beloved friend of ours who passed away a few weeks ago remains very strong in the hearts of those of us who were closest to him. I am thinking of the gentleman from Virginia, the late SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND. That our recollection of him is shared by all who knew him is attested in the touching manner by a prayer which was offered by the Reverend J. M. Dameron, minister of the Reedville, Va., Methodist Church, on March 28 on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Virginia Fishermen's Association.

I hope that you will take time to read this touching prayer, which follows:

Almighty God, our Father, we pause with bowed heads and closed eyes, holding dear the memory of SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND. We seek not to speak to You of him, because Thou didst know him. Rather, we pause to give thanks to Thee for permitting him to render unselfishly a great service to this district and to all mankind. May his ideals and the memory of his service long live among us and be to each of us a great guide. In the Master's name. Amen.

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THURSDAY, *February 16, 1950.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Swanson, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, late a Representative from the State of Virginia, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives, which the clerk will read.

The Chief Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, a Representative from the State of Virginia.

Resolved, That a committee of 10 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I submit a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution submitted by the Senator from Virginia will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 229) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, late a Representative from the State of Virginia.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Vice President to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, in the passing of Representative BLAND, of Virginia, I feel a great personal loss. He and I have been close and intimate friends for many years. Our work brought us frequently together, and I have been impressed time and time again with the meticulous attention he paid to every detail of his public service. He leaves a record of constructive achievements that will be a monument to his memory. He had the respect and confidence of all his colleagues. His loss is a severe one to Virginia and to the Nation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the second resolving clause, the Chair appoints the senior Senator from Virginia [Mr. Byrd] and the junior Senator from Virginia [Mr. Robertson] as Members of the Senate to attend the funeral of Representative BLAND.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, as a further remark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, I move that the Senate recess.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 4 o'clock and 19 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Friday, February 17, 1950, at 12 o'clock meridian.

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